

Minutes of
Jackson County Commissioners
October 05, 2010

Commissioner President Monte Striegel called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance. A silent prayer was also observed.

John Schafstall made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2010 meeting as corrected. Jerry Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Monte Striegel made a motion to approve the payroll of September 24, 2010 in the amount of \$\$319,674.95 and the claims of October 5, 2010 in the amount of \$1,357,564.65. Jerry Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Cheryl Heckman a resident in the Bob-town area appeared before Commissioners regarding assistance for the elderly in Jackson County. Ms. Heckman stated that she will be attending the next scheduled Council meeting to talk to them about possible funding for programs. Commissioners thanked Ms. Heckman for her research on the issue.

Courthouse Custodian Jana Wessel appeared before Commissioners requesting approval of a contract with Simplex Grinnell for inspection of the fire alarms and fire extinguishers. Annual cost for the service will be \$2,712.00. Jerry Hounshel made a motion to approve the request. John Schafstall seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Jana also informed Commissioners that she will most likely need additional monies for painting the courthouse windows. There are funds appropriated in the GOB series 2009 but will not be enough due to lead based paint being used in the past. Commissioners instructed Jana to contact the painters who did the previous work and find out for sure that lead based paint was used.

Emergency Management Director Duane Davis requested that the recent open burning ban be extended for 30 days due to the continuing dry weather conditions. Monte Striegel made a motion to approve the request. Jerry Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Duane also presented a Homeland Security Grant Program Sub-Grant Agreement for approval. The agreement is for an amount not to exceed \$1,500.00 from the State Homeland Security Program and is to be used for Hazardous Incident Management Team Training. Monte Striegel made a motion to approve. Jerry Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Emergency Management Director Duane Davis informed Commissioners that the Seymour Police Department has replaced their current S.W.A.T vehicle and has offered the old vehicle to Jackson County Emergency Management. The vehicle, which was once a mobile classroom, is designed and equipped to seat 12 people, and has 3 work stations. The Emergency Management Board has approved the purchase of the vehicle for \$5,000.00. Funding in the GOB Series 2009 and donations from Schneck Medical Center and the Health Department will pay for the vehicle. Monte Striegel made a motion to approve the purchase. Jerry Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Attorney Susan Bevers informed Commissioners that at the request at the last meeting to change precinct lines to correspond with the town limits in Crothersville, she has looked at the statutes and spoken with the Indiana Election Division. The Indiana Election Division suggested that Commissioners wait until the legislators re-draw their boundaries. According to the Election Division the likelihood of line changes due to redistricting is pretty good and Commissioners should wait until 2011 before making any changes.

Attorney Susan Bevers informed Commissioners that she is working on a Memorandum of Understanding with Centerstone. Susan stated that the past due invoice the county has been holding must be paid. John Schafstall made a motion to pay the past due amount which is for the last half of 2009 and first half of 2010. Jerry Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Tom Callahan appeared before Commissioners stating that there is a disparity in the use of the Road System Manual. Tom presented photos of various roads in question. Tom also stated that there is no ordinance in place stating what type of vehicles can be driven on the county roads. A photo was presented showing torn pavement due to excavating vehicles being driven on the road. John Schafstall stated that he is in agreement and the issue should be addressed.

Community Corrections Director J.L. Brewer appeared before Commissioners requesting permission to use American Financial Credit Service to collect past due fees. J.L. explained that he would attempt collections for one year and after that period the account would be turned over to the service for collections. John Schafstall made a motion to approve the request. Monte Striegel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Brad Isaacs with Janssen & Spaans Engineering gave an update on the Medora Covered Bridge project. Brad also submitted Change Order #3 for a time extension of 91 days for signature. Commissioner approved the Change Order at a previous meeting.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin submitted the following Additional Appropriation requests for approval: 1) Cumulative Capital Fund - \$372,591.00 for Trucks & Equipment. Jerry Hounshel made a motion to approve. Monte Striegel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. 2) Capital Improvement Bond – \$1,500.00 for Structure #91 and \$1,500.00 for Structure #92. John Schafstall made a motion to approve both. Jerry Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin informed Commissioners that a Maintenance Bond is in place for Weslin Estates and a Letter of Credit has been received.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin informed Commissioners that Jason Fee with Janssen & Spaans Engineering sent a permit to Department of Natural Resources for their inspection and approval for replacement of Bridge #254. Warren also stated that a ROW survey and Construction Engineering was not made a part of the original contract for work on Bridge #228. Warren has sent out Request for Proposals for these services and should be able to go over the proposals at the first meeting in November.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin informed Commissioners that he is presently working on identifying roads for the 2011 paving program. It is Warren's hope to have these roads ready to be looked at in March or April of 2011.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin reporting that Engineering Services for the Vallonia Storm Project will be around \$40,000.00 to \$50,000.00. Warren stated that he does not see a way to pay this amount from the 2011 budget and recommends paying this out of the grant. Jerry Hounshel stated that he is very much in favor of paying these fees with grant monies.

Sheriff Marc Lahrman informed Commissioners that the Brownstown United Methodist Church would like to place a sign on 250 for the church. Jerry Hounshel stated that this is a state right of way. Sheriff Lahrman will check with the state.

John Schafstall stated that he has received many compliments on the new Canine Control. The Animal Control Officer is doing a great job.

Jerry Hounshel announced that he has received a call from David Kroll with Ratio Architects. The proposals for the space study are being put together and will be sent to the Auditor's office.

The meeting recessed until October 19, 2010 at 9:00 AM

Monte Striegel – President

Jerry Hounshel

John Schafstall

Debra Eggeman – attest

